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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Thomas BIRKHOELZER et al. CONF. NO.: 3381  
 SERIAL NO.: 10/785,180 GROUP: 2435  
 FILED: February 25, 2004 EXAMINER: Shan, April Ying  
 FOR: METHOD FOR THE ENCRYPTION AND DECRYPTION OF DATA  
 BY VARIOUS USERS  
 Attorney Docket: 32860-000704/US

**AMENDMENT**

June 17, 2009

Customer Service Window  
 Randolph Building  
 401 Dulany Street  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
 Mail Stop Amendment

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 17, 2009, the following  
 remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-referenced  
 application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this Response.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
<b>Total</b>	30	-	32	=	0
<b>Independent</b>	4	-	4	=	0